

CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION CITY OF CHICAGO

USO of Illinois Administrative Office Alison Ruble 333 S. Wabash Avenue, 16th Floor Chicago, Illinois 60604

December 29, 2014

Dear Ms. Ruble,

The Chicago Department of Aviation received a holiday gift from Mr. W.S. Andy Song, Senior Manager of International Relations with Incheon Airport. While the gesture is appreciated, it cannot be accepted based upon the CDA's Ethics Policy.

The CDA has a zero gift policy. In essence, the City of Chicago has a law that contains several restrictions on receiving gifts. In addition to the City law, the Chicago Department of Aviation has a policy that prohibits any gifts by vendors or prospective vendors to be accepted by department employees and their families. The policy states that regardless of the value of the gift, any employee whose duties or responsibilities involve the Chicago Department of Aviation cannot accept gifts.

Therefore, the CDA would like to donate the calendar and cookies to the USO of Illinois. The CDA appreciates the relationship with the USO of Illinois and supports its mission of enhancing the quality of life of the U.S. Armed Forces personnel and their families.

We hope that those who visit the USO this season will enjoy the gift. Happy Holidays to you and everyone at the USO of Illinois.

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Sincerely,

Angela Manning-Hardimon

Managing Deputy Commissioner

cc: Chicago Board of Ethics Elisa Sledzinska



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Mr. W.S. Andy Song Senior Manager/International Relations Incheon Airport 424-47 Gonghang-gil Jung-gu Incheon 400-700 Republic of Korea

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We wish you and everyone at the Incheon Airport a very joyous Holiday season.

Sincerely,

Angela Manning-Hardimon 6

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